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FYI – forwarding this internal email to give you an update on recent communications between ODEQ and EPA on Bradford Island near Portland.

Lauren Wirtis is handling media on this. I don't know if a news release is going out or not.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Jennifer

To: DEQ staff

From: Leah Feldon, deputy director

Re: Bradford Island

Hello colleagues,

I want to make sure you know that we have formally requested that the EPA take steps to place the Bradford Island facility on the National Priorities List, commonly known as Superfund. We took this action jointly with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the Washington Department of Ecology. We believe this is a necessary step to prompt appropriate and timely clean-up of a site that poses substantial risk of harm to human and environmental health on the Columbia River.

As many of you are aware, the Bradford Island facility, located about 40 miles east of Portland, is under the jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers and is a former landfill used for disposal of hazardous waste by the Corps and its contractors. Contaminants that have been released into the soil, groundwater and surface water of the Columbia include petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), metals such as lead and mercury, PCBs, pesticides and herbicides and volatile organic compounds (VOC).

DEQ, Yakama Nation and WDOE have been working hard for years with the Corps to have the site cleaned up, but adequate progress has not been made in a timely manner. We believe it is critically important for the health of Oregon and Washington residents and tribal members that this site is cleaned of hazardous materials, and that is why we have taken the extraordinary measure of seeking Superfund listing.

We will keep you informed about next steps as we learn more. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

-Leah

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